



Mining Would Do **MORE HARM THAN GOOD**

1) Mining Would Hurt Existing Jobs

The stable and sustainable economies of the wilderness edge communities rely on the clean water, clean air and forest landscape of the Boundary Waters for their survival. Tourism in Northeastern Minnesota supports 18,000 jobs and brings in \$850 million in annual sales.

2) Accidents Happen

The US Environmental Protection Agency calls sulfide mining "the most polluting industry in America." In August 2014, the Mount Polley copper and gold mine in British Columbia had a tailings dam breach that released 4.5 million cubic meters of toxic slurry into a lake and river system that was a priceless salmon spawning area and tourism generator.

3) Impact of a Mining District

Byproducts of sulfide-ore copper mining include hazardous pollutants such as sulfuric acid and heavy metals. While sulfide-ore copper mines are not proposed within the Boundary Waters, pollution from them will flow into the Wilderness and its interconnected waterways. Gigantic waste piles, tailings pipelines, and 24-hour light and noise from industrial facilities along the S. Kawishiwi River and Birch Lake would impede opportunities for recreation in the National Forest just outside the Wilderness.

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